


## RECORD MEDIUM AND TAPE DRIVE DEVICE

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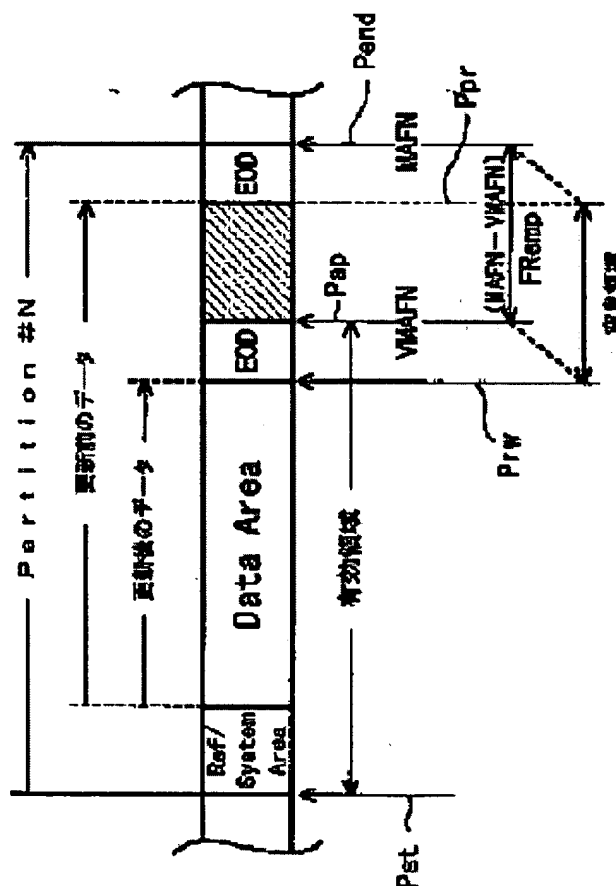
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## Abstract of JP2000173244

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To further improve the control against a tape cassette for data storage and to especially control an empty region in a partition.

**SOLUTION:** Definitions are made and stored for an MAFN, which indicates a maximum frame number of the frames that form the entire partition against a memory in cassette(MIC) of a tape cassette and a VMAFN which indicates a maximum frame number of the frames that form an effective region in the partition. If computations are made employing the MAFN and the VMAFN, an empty capacity of the partition is easily computed.



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